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In re Application of: )  
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Renato CARETTA ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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Filed: July 11, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 2872  
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For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231


Sir:

Enclosed are substitute Terminal Disclaimers for the Terminal Disclaimers filed on January 13, 2006, in reply to the Office Action of July 14, 2005. The substitute Terminal Disclaimers are being filed in the event that the United States Patent and Trademark Office does not accept the Terminal Disclaimers filed on January 13, 2006, which were which signed by Roger P. Bonenfant (Reg. No. 58, 030) who is not listed on the Declaration associated with this matter. The undersigned is listed on that Declaration. A petition for a three-month extension of time was filed on January 13, 2006, extending the period of response through January 17, 2006 (January 14, 2006, being a Saturday and January 16, 2006, being a Federal Holiday). The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer (U.S. Patent No. 6,814,119 B2) (3 pages)
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer (U.S. Patent No. 6,899,154 B2) (3 pages)
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer (U.S. Patent No. 6,457,504 B1) (3 pages)
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer (U.S. Patent No. 6,763,868 B1) (3 pages)

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: January 17, 2006

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

Assignee, **PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.P.A.**, duly organized under the laws of Italy and having its principal place of business at **Viale Sarca 222 - 20126 MILANO, ITALY**, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Application No. **10/616,977**, filed **July 11, 2003** for **TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL** in the names of Renato Caretta, as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel **011752**, Frame **0231** on **April 30, 2001**. Assignee, **PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.P.A.**, further represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. **6,763,868 B1**, as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel **010159**, Frame **0436** on **July 30, 1999**.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, assignee hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior patent No. **6,763,868 B1**, Assignee hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Assignee does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that the prior patent later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

In accordance with the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), the required fee of \$130.00 is being filed with this disclaimer.

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The undersigned is an attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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